

# MANUFACTURING EXTENSION PARTNERSHIP

## Success Stories from the Field

### **ANHOLT TECHNOLOGY, INC.**

Delaware Valley Industrial Resource Center

#### **Anholt Technologies Joins Plastics Consortium**

##### **Client Profile:**

Anholt Technologies, Inc. was founded in Delaware in 1991 as a research and development entity. In 1996, the company realized that it needed a larger facility and began investigating locations in Delaware and Pennsylvania. With the help of the Chester County Economic Development Council (CCEDC), the company found an agreeable site in Avondale, Pennsylvania and built a 20,600 square foot facility, where it has continued to expand its composites and fiber-reinforced plastics business. The company is growing, and now employs more than 20 people.

##### **Situation:**

Anholt Technologies needed to train its growing workforce in some basic skills and skills directly related to composite materials and fiber-reinforced plastics, but could not afford to send employees away for training or bring it in-house. Fortunately, the company was approached by the Delaware Valley Industrial Resource Center (DVIRC), a NIST MEP network affiliate, about joining a Plastics Consortium made up of several companies located in southeastern Pennsylvania. The company immediately saw the value of this chance to share practical information with other manufacturers; Anholt also wanted to take advantage of the opportunity for employee training.

##### **Solution:**

DVIRC is a partner in the Plastics Consortium along with Bucks County Community College and Penn College of Technology Plastics Center. DVIRC helped Anholt Technologies prepare the application and training plan required for membership into the Plastics Consortium. By becoming a member of the Plastics Consortium, the company has access to \$20,000 in Customized Job Training (CJT) grant monies. This money enables the company to provide some of the desired composite and fiber-reinforced plastics training on-site. In addition, DVIRC and its partners supplied some of the basic skills training.

##### **Results:**

Joined the Plastics Consortium.

Qualified for \$20,000 in grant monies to pay for training.

Improved employee capabilities.

Increased productivity, reduced defects, and increased employee morale.

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Saved \$50,000.

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